



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/700,927
Filing Date: 11/04/2003
Applicant: Toshifumi Kamiya, et al.
Group Art Unit: 3753
Examiner: John K. Ford
Title: VEHICLE AIR CONDITIONER
Confirmation No.: 5841
Attorney Docket: 4041J-000803

Director of The United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006, Paper No./Mail Date 03172006, please consider the following.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. Described beginning on page 4, line 27;
- II. Described beginning on page 26, line 15;
- III. Described beginning on page 28, line 21; and,
- IV. An in-determinant number of additional species that are variants of the aforementioned three species described beginning on page 29, line 23.


Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species I described beginning on page 4, line 27. Applicants believe that Claims 1-5 and 10-17 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1-5 and 10-17 are generic. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 21, 2006
HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.
P.O. Box 828
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303
(248) 641-1600

By: 
Michael J. Schmidt
Reg. No. 34,007

MJS/pmg